

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN WITT**, on January 10, 2001 at 8.30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Witt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Art Peterson (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Becky Beckert-Graham, OBPP
David Brown, Legislative Branch
Amy Carlson, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Cayenna Johnson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: Board of Public Education

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, handed out the following "Section E Education Agencies: 15% Plans" to be discussed throughout the session.

EXHIBIT (jeh07a01)

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Dave Brown, analyst from the **Legislative Fiscal Analyst**, began the session by reviewing the general rules the committee had earlier discussed and agreed upon.

EXHIBIT(jeh07a02)

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Motion/Vote: SEN. JOHNSON moved that the GLOBAL BASE BUDGET INCLUDING PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. JOHNSON moved that DP 1 SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION/IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: REP. PETERSON asked OBPP why they eliminated DP 1 in the Martz Executive Budget. Ms. Beckert-Graham explained they had not approved DP 1 because the appropriation was only for implementation and not ongoing. SEN. JOHNSON further clarified his motion that so far over 2 million has been allocated to Office of Public Instruction(OPI) and this year they want \$970,000. The Board of Public Education(BPE) is responsible for seeing these standards are implemented in a correct way.

Motion/Vote: SEN. JOHNSON moved that DP 1 SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION/IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: SEN. JOHNSON moved to ADD \$15,000 GENERAL FUND EACH YEAR TO THE BPE BUDGET FOR ANNUAL NASBE DUES ON A ONE-TIME-ONLY-BASIS.

Discussion: REP. BUZZAS supports motion and calls the added money a warranted support and suggest BPE track the money because we might see long term savings. V. CHAIR MILLER spoke to Dr. Buchanan about whether the fees would cover travel expenses and Dr. Buchanan indicated that they would not. SEN. JOHNSON further asked whether there was money in present BPE budget for travel expenses and Dr. Buchanan stated BPE would take advantage of trips held in conjunction with this and other ways to reduce travel costs.

Motion/Vote: SEN. JOHNSON moved to ADD \$15,000 TO BPE BUDGET FOR ANNUAL NASBE DUES ON ONE-TIME-ONLY-BASIS. Motion passes unanimously.

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Motion: SEN. JERGESON moved that DP 2-TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: SEN. JERGESON commented on how small state agencies like the BPE are asked to preform the same as larger agencies with aged technology.

Motion/Vote: SEN. JERGESON moved that DP 2-TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE BE ADOPTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. JOHNSON moved that BASE and PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL BE ADOPTED [E-29]. Motion carried unanimously.

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REP. PETERSON made the suggestion that state agencies breakdown expenses in travel. Ms. Beckert-Graham stated that travel expenses are broken down by agency and presented the materials in the following:

EXHIBIT(jeh07a03).

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9.36 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

CAYENNA JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (jeh07aad)